

Result and response concerning the complaint, made by

• Moldova, Finland, Denmark, Kuwait, Norway, Poland and Sweden:

Competition

2nd FAI European Wingsuit Flying Championships and 4th FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying

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REASON: Complaint about the validity of the suits.

<u>After the first 3 competition jumps</u> of Performance on the 21st of August in the afternoon, the competitor from Moldova expressed his concerns about the validity of the wingsuits of Luca Sala (ITA) and Max Diebold (FRA), according to definition 15 of section 1.1.2. Specifically, the complaint suggests the use of Gripper Extensions exceeded the maximum length permitted by extending past the first knuckle of the index finger. According to the procedure, the CJ talked to the competitor and explained that the procedure for checking the wingsuits has been documented with photographs and was done in the same way for every competitor, by the same judges, and in accordance with the existing rule. Each competitor's suit was examined in a static and extended position on the ground as it is only possible to perform. In the morning of the 22nd Moldova expressed to the CJ that the outcome of talking was not satisfactory. At that time the CJ advised to submit the complaint in writing.

On the 23rd of August at 10:58, according to GS 6.2 the Meet Director received the written complaint. This complaint was handed over and forwarded to the Chief Judge of the Performance event. At the first possibility, at approximately 8:10, the CJ and the EJ's talked to the complainant, to be sure the complaint was understood correctly.

The complaint concerned doubts about the validity of the suits. The request was made to have a closer inspection of their suits.

According to part 5.7.2 of the CR, the same wingsuit, without any changes or modifications of its parts, must be used throughout the competition. It is up to the judges to check this during the competition. To ensure no changes had been made to the suits mentioned in the complaint, the 2 competitors were checked at 09:37 <u>immediately before the 4th competition jump was to be made</u>.

In the opinion of the Chief Judge, there were no changes or modifications made to the suits after the original check, and that they still comply with the current rules. The suits were properly checked in accordance with the existing rule in the only manner possible while on the ground and not in flight.

The complaint however, provided possible information for a check that requires a future rule change. The checks performed were consistent with the existing rule.

During the remainder of the competition, more suits will be checked, before collecting the helmets.

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF JUDGE:

FAI International Judge Skydiving FAI-1809

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